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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: ANOTHER LOOK AT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WE CONCUR IN CAPE TOWN'S EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF CHANGE

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IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM VANTAGE POINT OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND

SWAZILAND (BLS).

2. ALL BLS COUNTRIES BELIEVE CHANGE OCCURRING IN SOUTH AFRICA IS MUCH TOO SLOW TO CONTAIN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEMANDS OF BLACKS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. BOTSWANA IN PARTICULAR FEELS THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND FEARFUL THAT SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS MAY EVENTUALLY SEEK A VIOLENT SOLUTION. ALL BLS COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO WORK FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT FEEL STRONGLY THAT THEIR INDEPENDENCE WILL REMAIN THREATENED AS LONG AS RACISM IS RAMPANT ON THEIR BORDERS.

3. WE AGREE CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH 10 THAT U.S. MUST PERSIST IN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL CHANGE. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN U.S. ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING BLS STATES AS MULTIRACIAL SOCIETIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF REASONABLE POLITICAL STABILITY. WE THEREFORE CONCUR IN CAPE TOWN'S VIEW THAT SIMILAR COURSES OF ACTION SHOULD BE PURSUED IN MOZAMBIQUE AND VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT SHOULD CONTINUE.
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